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PROCLAMATION NO. P16-_____

A Proclamation Honoring Robert Bernas

WHEREAS: Robert "Bob" Bernas and his wife moved to Westmont in 1972 and raised their family in the Village of Westmont; and

WHEREAS: Bob Bernas became involved in the community as a Westmont Park Board Commissioner in 1973 and served on the Park Board for the next 43 years; and

WHEREAS: Bob Bernas served as President of the Westmont Park Board for 38 years; and

WHEREAS: During his tenure, the Westmont Park District grew tremendously from having 3 parks and less than 15 acres of land to having over 20 properties and over 150 acres of park space; and

WHEREAS: Bob Bernas was instrumental in working with DuPage County in the acquisition of property that eventually became Twin Lakes Woods and Bellerive Park; and

WHEREAS: Bob Bernas was a driving force behind the purchase and development of the property that is now the Westmont Fitness Club and Ty Warner Park the largest Westmont Park District park; and

WHEREAS: Bob Bernas provided guidance and direction in hiring the first full-time Park District employee in 1974, leading to the Park District staff of its current status having 17 full-time employees and more than 100 part-time and seasonal staff; and

WHEREAS: Bob Bernas has demonstrated his commitment to the community of Westmont by consistently supporting through his participation and service; the Park District's endeavors to offer the community affordable, family-friendly special events.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Ronald J. Gunter, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Village of Westmont, along with the Westmont Village Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim that Bob Bernas will receive a Key to the Village in honor of his more than 4 decades of public service to the community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Village to be affixed this 12th day of May in the year of our Lord two-thousand and sixteen.

Ayes: ____ Nays: ____ Absent: ____

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Virginia Szymiski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor